

AMENDMENT TO THE CLAIMS

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions and listings of claims in the application.

Listing of Claims

Claims 1-8 (cancelled).

9. (previously presented) A method of lining a lateral pipe leading into a main pipe from the main pipe out, comprising

providing a resin impregnated lateral lining tube of finite length and open ended having at one end a collar of resin impregnated material with a central opening, the collar at the end of the lateral adapted to extend into the main pipe and contact the interior surface of the main pipe at the location where the lateral meets the main pipe with the opposite end of the lateral lining extending into the lateral,

positioning the collar in the main pipe at the entrance to the lateral with the opening in the collar aligned with the lateral;

inserting the lateral lining into the lateral pipe using a fluid medium under pressure to evert the liner through the opening in the collar,

applying pressure to the lateral lining tube, and

applying fluid pressure to the collar on the surface of the main pipe to cure the collar against the main pipe and form a seal at the location where the lateral meets the main pipe as curing of the resin takes place.

10. (previously presented) The method according to claim 9, wherein the seal is formed by an inflatable means, said means being inflated by the fluid medium used for inserting the lateral lining, but at a lower pressure.

11. (previously presented) The method according to claim 9, wherein the fluid medium is supplied to insert the lateral lining, by means of a pressure pipe, and at least one additional pressure pipe extends past the seal arrangement so that pressure fluid can be applied to another lateral lining remote from the first mentioned lateral whilst curing of the first mentioned lateral lining is taking place.

12. (previously presented) The method according to claim 10, wherein the inflatable means comprises a bag or bladder which is inflated against the main pipe surface.

13. (previously presented) The method according to claim 12, wherein the bag or bladder is in the form of a pair of spaced diametrically opposed inflatable pillows.

14. (previously presented) A method of lining a lateral pipe leading into a main pipe, comprising

providing a resin impregnated lateral lining tube of finite length and open ended and having at one end a collar of resin impregnated material with a central opening, the collar at the end of the lateral adapted to extend into the main pipe and contact the interior surface of the main pipe at the location where the lateral meets the main pipe with the opposite end of the lateral lining extending into the lateral,

inserting the lateral lining into the lateral pipe and using a fluid medium under pressure expanding the lateral lining against the lateral wall,

applying pressure to the lateral lining tube, and

applying fluid pressure to the collar on the surface of the main pipe to cure the collar against the main pipe and form a seal at the location where the lateral meets the main pipe as curing of the resin takes place.

15. (previously presented) The method according to claim 14, including applying pressure to the collar by an inflatable means which is a bag or bladder.

16. (previously presented) The method according to claim 15, including pressing the collar against the main pipe by an inflatable means connected to an elbow pipe and inverting the lateral lining through the elbow pipe into the lateral.

17. (presently amended) A method to claim 14, wherein the seal [arrangement] is formed by use of an elbow pipe to position the lateral lining at the entrance to the lateral and through which the lateral lining is everted to be inserted into the lateral.

18. (new) The method according to claim 14, wherein the seal is formed by an inflatable means, said means being inflated by the fluid medium used for inserting the lateral lining, but at a lower pressure.

19. (new) The method according to claim 14, wherein the fluid medium is supplied to insert the lateral lining, by means of a pressure pipe, and at least one additional pressure pipe extends past the seal arrangement so that pressure fluid can be applied to another lateral lining remote from the first mentioned lateral whilst curing of the first mentioned lateral lining is taking place.

20. (new) The method according to claim 18, wherein the inflatable means comprises a bag or bladder which is inflated against the main pipe surface.

21. (new) The method according to claim 20, wherein the bag or bladder is in the form of a pair of spaced diametrically opposed inflatable pillows.

22. (new) The method according to claim 9, including applying pressure to the collar by an inflatable means which is a bag or bladder.

23. (new) The method according to claim 22, including pressing the collar against the main pipe by an inflatable means connected to an elbow pipe and inverting the lateral lining through the elbow pipe into the lateral.

24. (new) A method according to claim 9, wherein the seal [arrangement] is formed by use of an elbow pipe to position the lateral lining at the entrance to the lateral and through which the lateral lining is everted to be inserted into the lateral.